



State of Wisconsin
Department of Public Instruction
Elizabeth Burmaster, State Superintendent

*****NEWS RELEASE*****

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DPI 2008-92

Thursday, June 5, 2008

CONTACT: Patrick Gasper, Communications Officer, (608) 266-3559

Schools to share state funding to reduce and prevent alcohol, tobacco, and drug use among students

MADISON—School districts throughout Wisconsin are sharing approximately \$5 million in competitive grants that will help them reduce or prevent the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs among students.

“According to a recent survey of our youth, too many students engage in alcohol, drug, or tobacco use that imperils their health and can have a negative impact on their academic achievement,” said State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster. “These grants support programs that help students avoid risks so they can focus on their learning.”

The 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey reported that one in five high school students report that they use tobacco, 49 percent report using alcohol, and 32 percent report binge drinking. Nearly one-quarter of students said they receive drug offers at school (23 percent), and 20 percent report using marijuana.

The state Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Program grants provide funding to teach skills and supply information aimed at preventing alcohol and illegal drug use. The state-funded grants total \$4.96 million and will support efforts in 119 Wisconsin school districts. Another 32 Wisconsin communities will benefit from approximately \$355,000 in grants to prevent students from using tobacco and to help students, who have already begun using tobacco, to quit. Both individual school districts and consortium projects, in which clusters of neighboring schools will work together on projects, received awards.

“Research has proven over and over again that academic success can be severely compromised by the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol, including tobacco,” Burmaster said. “We owe it to our students to reduce or eliminate the barriers that substance abuse places in front of them so they can reach their full potential.”

(more)

Many of the projects receiving AODA grant funding provide a comprehensive approach to prevent or eliminate the use of alcohol and illegal drugs among students, using multiple strategies and linking resources from home, community agencies, and the school. Grants may be renewed for two additional years of funding through the 2010-11 school year.

As part of a comprehensive tobacco control effort by the state, school tobacco grants were awarded through a cooperative agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. The grants ensure that there are efforts aimed at prevention and cessation of early smoking, based on the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention *Guidelines for School Health Programs to Prevent Tobacco Use and Addiction*. Particular importance was placed on the school's involvement and cooperation with local tobacco coalitions in their community or county. These projects can be renewed for an additional year in 2009-10.

"These multi-year, multi-strategy initiatives often can have impact for years to come, even after the project funding ends," Burmaster noted. "What students learn in school through health education or peer support can pay big dividends to society if today's youth avoid the devastating consequences alcohol, tobacco, or drug abuse so often have on families, businesses, and our economy."

###

NOTES: Attached is a list of grantees for the state's Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Program and the Wisconsin School Tobacco Grant Program. The amount of each award represents funding for the 2008-09 school year only. An asterisk (*) indicates a consortium grant. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2008_92.pdf.

2008-09 AODA and School Tobacco Grants

AODA Grants

A-C

Amery School District, \$40,000
Antigo School District, \$35,735
Ashland School District, \$40,000
Athens School District, \$20,000
Augusta School District, \$20,000
Baraboo School District, \$64,000
Beaver Dam School District, \$64,000
Beloit School District, \$64,000
Berlin Area School District, \$40,000
Bruce School District, \$45,000 *
CESA 5, \$105,000 *
CESA 7, \$55,500 *
CESA 8, \$167,979 *
CESA 12, \$75,000 *
Chetek School District, \$40,000
Chippewa Falls Area School District, \$64,000
Clear Lake School District, \$20,000
Clintonville School District, \$40,000
Columbus School District, \$40,000
Cuba City School District, \$19,810

D-L

D.C. Everest Area School District, \$63,780
Durand School District, \$40,000
Eau Claire Area School District, \$140,000
Elcho School District, \$20,000
Ellsworth Community School District, \$40,000
Fall Creek School District, \$20,000
Flambeau School District, \$20,000
Fond du Lac School District, \$64,000
Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau School District, \$40,000
Green Bay Area School District, \$140,000
Green Lake School District, \$20,000
Hayward Community School District, \$30,055
Holmen School District, \$64,000
Howard-Suamico School District, \$64,000
Hustisford School District, \$20,000
Janesville School District, \$140,000
Kaukauna Area School District, \$63,997
Kenosha School District, \$132,872
Kimberly Area School District, \$45,250
La Crosse School District, \$56,500
Lake Mills Area School District, \$39,122
Little Chute Area School District, \$40,000
Lomira School District, \$40,000

M-P

Madison Metropolitan School District, \$140,000
Manitowoc School District, \$63,850
Marshall School District, \$40,000
McFarland School District, \$40,000
Menomonee Falls School District, \$64,000
Menomonie Area School District, \$64,000
Middleton-Cross Plains School District, \$64,000
Milwaukee Public Schools, \$280,000
Mount Horeb Area School District, \$30,500
Necedah Area School District, \$20,000
Neenah School District, \$50,345
New Richmond School District, \$40,000

Northwood School District, \$20,000
Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District, \$20,000
Oconto Falls School District, \$40,000
Oregon School District, \$64,000
Osseo-Fairchild School District, \$36,489
Palmyra-Eagle Area School District, \$40,000
Plymouth School District, \$38,521
Potosi School District, \$20,000
Poynette School District, \$40,000
Pulaski Community School District, \$61,969

R-W

Racine Unified School District, \$116,800
Randolph School District, \$19,991
Rice Lake Area School District, \$40,000
River Falls School District, \$64,000
River Valley School District, \$40,000
Riverdale School District, \$16,995
Sauk Prairie School District, \$39,986
Sheboygan Area School District, \$134,000
Shell Lake School District, \$17,500
Siren School District, \$20,000
Sparta Area School District, \$40,000
Spooner Area School District, \$40,000
Stevens Point Area School District, \$64,000
Stoughton Area School District, \$56,890
Sun Prairie Area School District, \$64,000
Two Rivers School District, \$40,000
Viroqua Area School District, \$40,000
Waukesha School District, \$136,000
Waupun School District, \$34,019
West Allis-West Milwaukee School District, \$50,634
West Bend School District, \$64,000
Westfield School District, \$40,000
Whitewater School District, \$40,000
Winneconne Community School District, \$40,000
Wisconsin Heights School District, \$20,000

Tobacco Grants

Alma School District, \$5,000
Amery School District, \$10,000
Appleton Area School District, \$20,000
Augusta School District, \$10,000 *
Baraboo School District, \$10,480
Beloit School District, \$15,000
Black River Falls School District, \$10,000
Bruce School District, \$20,000 *
CESA 4, \$15,000 *
CESA 11, \$20,000 *
Deerfield Community School District, \$5,000
Eau Claire Area School District, \$10,000
Ellsworth Community School, \$9,909
Green Bay Area School District, \$20,000
Greendale School District, \$10,000
Janesville School District, \$20,000
Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District, \$15,000
Milwaukee Public Schools, \$40,000
Racine Unified School District, \$20,000
Sun Prairie Area School District, \$15,000
Watertown School District, \$15,000
Wausau School District, \$15,000
Whitewater School District, \$10,000
Wisconsin Rapids School District, \$15,000